

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
In the Court of Appeals

**MOTION TO ALLOW LATE FILING**

Clifton B. Newman, Common Pleas Fifth Judicial Circuit Judge

Appellate Case No. 2024-001835  
Common Pleas Case No. 2022-CP-40-00027

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**South Carolina Department of Health and  
Environmental Control;  
DOES I through X, inclusive: and ROE  
Business Entities I through X,  
inclusive**

**Respondent**

v.

**Teresa McWilliams**

**Appellant *pro se***

Teresa McWilliams, Appellant, *pro se*, received Exhibit 1 (Letter dated December 20, 2024, from the South Carolina Court of Appeals, stating that Appellant *pro se* did not order the transcript in a timely manner, because the transcript should have been ordered November 7, 2024. (The transcript was ordered by Appellant *pro se* on November 11, 2024.)

Appellant *pro se*, requests permission to be allowed to proceed with a late filing, for the following reasons:

1. Appellant *pro se* did respond within 10 days of receipt of the letter. Appellant *pro se* now understands that response must be based on the date on the letter and not receipt of the letter. (It is taking four days for Appellant *pro se* to receive the letters from the Supreme Court. If that seems excessive, Appellant *pro se* would suggest that letters are not being delivered to the post office on the same date that they are being metered in the office. The post office does not re-meter them.) With this delay and one or two weekends in which Appellant *pro se* travels away from home to care for an elderly parent, it is not uncommon for Appellant *pro se* to have one single day to respond—and often that day is

a workday with childcare duties. Appellant *pro se* does not offer this difficult circumstance as excuse, but merely so that the court may understand the challenges an appellant *pro se* may face.

2. The lateness of the request is a minimal administrative misunderstanding, and it would be an injustice not to consider Appellant *pro se*'s substantive appeal.
3. The S. C. Transcript Request Form states that requestor may request a quote before deciding to order. Appellant *pro se* had not received the quote by November 7; however Appellant *pro se* requested the transcript on November 11 in order to move forward regardless of a lack of quote.
4. Appellant *pro se* also submitted the transcript request before she had received her Appellant Case Number, in an effort to make the request in a timely manner.
5. Proof of requesting transcript in on November 11, 2024. via email and stamped by the Court of Appeals when it was presented to substantiate that Appellant *pro se* had actually requested the transcript via email as instructed (Exhibit 2)
6. The handwritten note given to Appellant *pro se* regarding where she should email her request, which Appellant *pro se* received when she filed the original notice of appeal with the Court of Appeals and which Appellant followed. (Exhibit 3)

Appellant *pro se* apologizes for her mistake and will make sure it does not happen again.



**Teresa McWilliams**  
**105 Arborgate Circle**  
**Columbia, SC 29212**  
**(803) 530-4738**  
**Appellant *pro se***

**cc: Meredith Seibert**  
**December 30, 2024**



Exhibit 1

## The South Carolina Court of Appeals

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December 20, 2024

Teresa McWilliams  
105 Arbogate Circle  
Columbia SC 29212

Re: Teresa McWilliams v. SCDHEC  
Appellate Case No. 2024-001835

Dear Ms. McWilliams:

Upon reviewing your transcript request form, the following deficiency has been noted under the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules (SCACR), and this deficiency must be corrected within ten (10) days of the date of this letter or this matter will be dismissed:

- The transcript was not timely ordered. The time for ordering the transcript expired on November 7, 2024. A motion to allow the late filing will have to be made. This is the Court's second request for this motion.

Very truly yours,

*Catherine Harrison, deputy*

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cc: Meredith L. Seibert, Esquire  
David T. Duff, Esquire

Exhibit 2

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From: [teresa.mcwilliams](mailto:teresa.mcwilliams)  
To: [Transcripts](#)  
Cc: [Court Of Appeals Filings; Meredith Seibert](#)  
Subject: Transcript Request  
Date: Monday, November 11, 2024 9:21:50 PM

\*\*\* EXTERNAL EMAIL: This email originated from outside the organization. Please exercise caution before clicking any links or opening attachments. \*\*\*  
Please send me the following transcript:

Dated: 8/8/23

Before: Judge Clifton Newman

Case 2022CP4000027 - Teresa McWilliams vs Georgette Lee Jackson and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control et al

Please invoice me the cost. Thank you.

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I emailed this transcript request before I received my Appellant Case No. , which is

2024 - 001835

Teresa McWilliams

# Exhibit 3

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